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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director - Comptroller

SUBJECT:

Reprint of Testimony on Communist Forgeries

- 1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 5 for the approval of the Executive Director-Comptroller.
- 2. On 2 June 1961, Mr. Richard Helms, then Deputy Director (Plans), appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and testified on Communist use of false documents, untruths and planted stories. His published testimony received considerable attention and was widely acclaimed.
- 3. The Internal Security Subcommittee felt that the document would be most useful if printed in certain foreign languages. In that form, it could be distributed and read by foreign national groups both in the United States and abroad. Accordingly, pursuant to a Senate Resolution, Mr. Helms' testimony was printed in Spanish, French and Portuguese. This was the first time a Senate document was printed in a foreign language. The Agency had the testimony printed in German, Italian and Arabic for use abroad.
- 4. The English language version of Mr. Helms' testimony has been exhausted for some time. We have received numerous requests internally and the document is also in demand from the Internal Security Subcommittee, whose supply is also exhausted. We have looked into the possibility of a Congressional reprint of the testimony but the authorization procedure for this in the Congress is somewhat involved.

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requiring approval of both houses of Congress. Nevertheless, the Subcommittee Counsel has indicated his willingness to pursue this course, if there is no alternative. We have inquired and understand that the Agency can have the document reprinted by the Government Printing Office at a cost of \$600 per thousand copies. We have been advised by the Office of Logistics that funds are available for this purpose. (It is our understanding that if the Agency orders the document reprinted, the Subcommittee can then "ride" our order for additional copies without the necessity of further authorization.)

5. It is our opinion that this document will continue to be in demand and that reprinting it would serve a very useful purpose. We, therefore, recommend that the Agency proceed to have 2,000 copies reprinted.

Legislative Counsel

APPROVED:

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpetrick

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